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BRUSSELS FOR NARCO AND DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ATTITUDE OF GOL TOWARD COOPERATION IN PRESENTATION OF
EVIDENCE IN DRUG CASES

1. BRUSSELS DEA HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS
FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING AVAILABILITY OF POTENTIAL WITNESSES
AND EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE USED IN TRIAL OF GERALD LERNER
AND JEANNETTE SCALAMONI IN MIAMI IN FEBRUARY 1976. PROSECU-
TORS PREPARING TRIAL BELIEVE CONNECTION MAY EXIST BETWEEN
CASE AND SEIZURES OF HEROIN MADE BY LUXEMBOURG POLICE.
BRUSSELS D/O BRIEFED THIS EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS COORDINATOR
ON CASE AND ASKED HIS ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY GOL REACTION TO
A REQUEST FOR LOAN OF EVIDENCE OR TESTIMONY MATERIAL TO CASE.

2. EMBOFF REPLIED INDICATIONS WERE GROWING THAT GOL WAS
TAKING INCREASINGLY POSITIVE VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG
COOPERATION FOLLOWING STEP-UP OF EFFORTS TO CONVINCE IT
THAT RISING TRAFFIC OF ILLICIT DRUGS THROUGH HERE, ALTHOUGH
ALMOST ENTIRELY TRANSIT, POSED SERIOUS POTENTIAL THREAT TO
DOMESTIC SOCIAL HEALTH.

3. THIS VIEW WAS CONFIRMED DURING CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER
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OF JUSTICE ROBERT KRIEPS ON DECEMBER 11. WHEN

AMBASSADOR SOUNDED HIM OUT ON LIKELY GOL REACTION TO A REQUEST FOR GOL COOPERATION AT THE MIAMI TRIAL, KRIEPS SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY. HE SAID HE WAS GROWING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSIT DRUG TRAFFIC THROUGH LUXEMBOURG AND WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO ASSISTING US AGENCIES COMBATTING IT BY ALLOWING LUXEMBOURG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TESTIFY IN LERNER/SCALAMONI CASE. HE URGED THAT SUCH A REQUEST BE MADE BY EMBASSY DIRECTLY TO HIM RATHER THAN THROUGH NORMAL MFA CHANNELS.

4. COMMENT: KRIEPS' AGREEMENT REMOVES ANY POLITICAL BARRIER HERE TO FULL COOPERATION SHOULD DEPARTMENT RECEIVE REQUEST FOR AID IN OBTAINING LOAN OF EVIDENCE OR TESTIMONY FROM GOL FOR USE IN LERNER/SCALAMONI CASE. HOWEVER, AS BRUSSELS D/O AWARE, TESTIMONY REGARDING EVIDENCE OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE WOULD POSE SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR MOJ.

5. IF SUCH A REQUEST IS CONTEMPLATED, REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE ON APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR FORWARDING IT TO GOL.
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